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DISPOSAL OF ITEMS ARISING OUT OF THE ELEVENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its 953rd meeting, on 19 December 1956, after it had considered its basic programme for 1957, the Council requested the Secretary-General to call to its attention in writing, before the opening of the twenty-third session, any items arising out of the eleventh session of the General Assembly, and to point out those which appeared to require consideration at that session. It was understood that the Council would decide, when it adopted the agenda for the twenty-third session, which items arising out of the General Assembly it wished to include in that agenda. The disposition of the remainder of the items would be determined at the close of the twenty-third session, when the Council considered the provisional agenda for the twenty-fourth session.

2. The Secretary-General therefore draws the attention of the Council to the resolutions listed below which are relevant to its work. Two of these resolutions appear to require the addition of items to the provisional agenda for the twenty-third session;[1] one requires the postponement of an item (item 6(XXIII)) from the twenty-third to the twenty-fourth session; and a fourth could be considered in connexion with an item (item 5 (XXIII)) already appearing in the provisional agenda for the twenty-third session. Nine of the resolutions relate to items in the list of items for the twenty-fourth session,[2] the items affected being items 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 9. The remainder, which do not appear to require action by the Council during 1957, are brought to the attention of the Council at this stage for its information.

1/ E/2946.

2/ E/2949.

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I. RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING ACTION OR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL IN 1957

A. Twenty-third session

1. Question of the membership of the Technical Assistance Committee (1036 (XI)) 1/

In this resolution the General Assembly recommends that:

"1. The Economic and Social Council, as an interim measure, take the necessary steps, at its twenty-third session, to expand the present membership of the Technical Assistance Committee, as from 1 June 1957, so as to consist of the members of the Economic and Social Council, together with an additional six members to be elected for two-year terms by the Council from among the States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, having due regard, so far as these additional six members are concerned, to geographical distribution and to the representation of contributing and recipient countries having an important interest in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance;

2. The initial elections of these additional members be so arranged as to avoid having their terms of office expire simultaneously;

3. In the event that the Economic and Social Council is enlarged, the Council review the size and composition of the Technical Assistance Committee in the light of that development."

Consideration of this question at the twenty-third session would require the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda which might read "Question of the membership of the Technical Assistance Committee".

2. International commodity problems (1029 (XI)) 2/

In this resolution, the General Assembly, inter alia,

"Requests the Economic and Social Council to invite the Commission on International Commodity Trade to give special consideration, within its present programme of work - bearing in mind the relevant parts of the introductory statement of the Secretary-General at the twenty-second session of the Council 3/ and the debates in the Second Committee at the eleventh session of the General Assembly - to the importance of present international commodity problems in relation to world economic stability".

1/ A/RES/508.

2/ A/RES/470.

3/ E/SR.934.

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Since the fifth session of the Commission on International Commodity Trade is scheduled to meet on 6 May, the Council may wish to consider this resolution at its twenty-third session. This would appear to require the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda, which might read: "International commodity problems: General Assembly resolution 1029 (XI)".

3. Industrialization of under-developed countries (1033 A (XI))[1/]

In this resolution the General Assembly, inter alia,

"Expresses its satisfaction at the work done by the Economic and Social Council, the Secretary-General, the regional economic commissions and the specialized agencies in connexion with problems of industrialization and productivity, and urges them to continue to give priority to these questions".

It is suggested that the resolution could be taken into account in the consideration of item 5 (XXIII): "Economic development of under-developed countries".

4. Question of the establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development (1030 (XI)) [2/]

In this resolution the General Assembly, inter alia:

"1. Commends the Ad Hoc Committee on the Question of the Establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development for the work it has accomplished in preparing the interim report;

2. Requests the Ad Hoc Committee, on the basis of the views expressed by Governments in their replies to the questionnaire annexed to General Assembly resolution 923 (X) of 9 December 1955, the previous resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council relating to the establishment of a special fund, the reports of previous special committees and groups of experts, and the suggestions made during the twenty-second session of the Economic and Social Council and the eleventh session of the General Assembly:

(a) To set forth the different forms of legal framework on which a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development may be established and statutes drafted;

(b) To indicate the types of projects which might be provided for in programmes of operations of a United Nations economic development fund;

1/ A/RES/505, A.

2/ A/RES/502.

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(c) To submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its twenty-fourth session, together with the final report requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 923 (X), a supplementary report prepared in accordance with the instructions in sub-paragraph (a) and (b) above;

3. Authorizes the Ad Hoc Committee to append to its final report any related suggestions or proposals for the provision of economic assistance to under-developed countries under the auspices of the United Nations which Governments may wish to put forward;

4. Requests the Economic and Social Council to forward to the General Assembly, at its twelfth session, the final and supplementary reports of the Ad Hoc Committee, together with any recommendations on further steps which could help promote the early establishment of an international economic development fund within the framework of the United Nations."

The final report of the Ad Hoc Committee was completed by the Committee at its meetings on 11 and 12 March.

When it considered the provisional agenda for the twenty-third session, the Council decided to consider this final report under item 6 (XXIII): "Financing of economic development". In view, however, of the terms of paragraph 2 (c) of the General Assembly resolution quoted above, the Council may now wish to postpone consideration of the subject until the twenty-fourth session and consequently to delete item 6 (XXIII). (See also section B, paragraph 5 below.)

B. Twenty-fourth session

1. Development of international economic co-operation and the expansion of international trade (1027 (XI)) 1/

In this resolution the General Assembly, inter alia,

"Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 614 (XXII) of 9 August 1956 and requests the Council to continue to give particular attention to developments in the field of international trade."

It is suggested that the resolution could be considered in connexion with item 2 (XXIV): "World economic situation".

1/ A/RES/468

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2. Long-range programme for community development (1042 (XI))[1/]

In this resolution, the General Assembly, inter alia,

"1. Expresses its appreciation to the Economic and Social Council for its continuous attention to practical programmes for the integrated economic and social development of the under-developed countries;

2. Agrees with the emphasis placed by the Council on community development as part of the comprehensive measures taken by Governments for raising levels of living, in rural areas in particular;

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4. Requests the Secretary-General, in drawing up the recommendations called for by Council resolution 627 (XXII) of 2 August 1956 concerning the long-range programme for the promotion of community development which the Council and its Social Commission are to prepare, in collaboration with the specialized agencies, to take into account the views expressed by representatives in the Third Committee and, in particular, to lay stress upon:

(a) The integration of social and economic measures within such a programme;

(b) Adequate research into all factors affecting the planning and implementation of national community development programmes;

(c) The role of community development in raising levels of production, health, education and welfare and the importance of co-ordinating national and international efforts in comprehensive community development programmes;

(d) The study of the problems arising out of the migration of rural populations to urban centres;

(e) The assistance that should be given in particular to newly constituted States in planning and organizing community development programmes and in training the personnel required for implementing such programmes."

The resolution is related to item 3 (XXIV), "World Social Situation" and it is suggested that it should be listed in the annotations thereto.

3. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies (1094 (XI)) [2/]

In this resolution the General Assembly, inter alia,

"1. Invites the attention of the specialized agencies to the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on

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1/ A/RES/482.

2/ A/RES/514.

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Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative budgets of the specialized agencies for 1957; 1/

2. Requests the Economic and Social Council to study the matters raised in paragraphs 6 and 7 of that report concerning an appraisal of the over-all programmes to be undertaken by the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the economic and social fields over the next five or six years, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session;

3. Requests the specialized agencies to co-operate with the Economic and Social Council in its consideration of this question."

The Council may wish to consider this resolution in connexion with item 4 (XXIV): "General review of the development and co-ordination of the economic, social and human rights programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as a whole".

4. International cultural and scientific co-operation (1043 (XI)) 2/

In operative paragraph 2 of this resolution the General Assembly

"Invites the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the other specialized agencies concerned to include in their annual reports to the Economic and Social Council a statement of their views and activities in the field of international cultural and scientific co-operation, and requests the Council to give special attention to such statements."

It is suggested that the resolution could be taken into account in connexion with item 4 (XXIV): "General review of the development and co-ordination of the economic, social and human rights programmes and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as a whole".

5. Question of the establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development (1030 (XI)) 3/

Should the Council have decided to delete from the provisional agenda of its twenty-third session item 6, "Financing of economic development", it is suggested that the above resolution (operative paragraphs 1-4 of which are quoted under section I. A. 4 above) could be dealt with under item 6 (XXIV), "Financing of economic development".

1/ A/3489.

2/ A/RES/483.

3/ A/RES/502.

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6. Collection of information concerning international economic assistance for the less-developed countries (1034 (XI)) 1/

In this resolution the General Assembly

"Requests the Economic and Social Council to consider at its twenty-fourth session, in connexion with the item on the financing of economic development, the question of the collection of information concerning international economic assistance for the less developed countries on the basis of such information as the Secretary-General may provide, bearing in mind the comments of delegations at the eleventh session of the General Assembly."

This resolution would thus fail to be dealt with under item 6 (XXIV), "Financing of economic development".

7. (a) Establishment of a world food reserve (1026 (XI)) 2/

In this resolution the General Assembly

"Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other agencies, to explore the desirability of setting up a working group to examine the practical possibilities of implementing the various proposals made in the report of the Food and Agriculture Organization, 3/ as well as the various suggestions made at the twenty-second session of the Economic and Social Council and at the eleventh session of the General Assembly, and to report to the Council not later than at its twenty-fourth session for appropriate action."

(b) International co-operation in the establishment of national food reserves (1025 (XI)) 4/

In operative paragraph 3 of this resolution the General Assembly

"Requests the Economic and Social Council to consider the possibility of postponing until its twenty-fifth session its examination of the report of the Secretary-General [to be prepared pursuant to Council resolution 621 (XXII)], in order to be in a position to take fully into account the discussions and the expert technical studies being undertaken by the Food and Agriculture Organization concerning the establishment of national food reserves".

The Council may therefore wish to consider under item 8 (XXIV), "Establishment of a world food reserve", the report of the Secretary-General under General Assembly

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1/ A/RES/506.
2/ A/RES/467.
3/ E/2855.
4/ A/RES/466.

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resolution 1026 (XI) above, and to postpone consideration of the Secretary-General's report under Council resolution 621 (XXII).

8. Currency utilization (1021 (XI))[1/]

In this resolution the General Assembly,

"Having considered the problem of currency utilization,

Recalling that, according to Economic and Social Council resolution 623 B III (XXII) of 9 August 1956, the Technical Assistance Committee and the Council will consider this problem during the twenty-fourth session of the Council,

Decides to refer the records of the debate on this subject during the present session of the General Assembly to the Economic and Social Council and to the Technical Assistance Committee for that purpose."

It is suggested that this resolution be taken into account in relation to item 9 (XXIV): "Technical assistance".

II. RESOLUTIONS WHICH DO NOT APPEAR TO CALL FOR ACTION BY THE COUNCIL IN 1957

The following resolutions which either do not appear to require action or consideration by the Council, or do not require such action or consideration until 1958, are called to the Council's attention for its information:

A. Resolutions requiring action or consideration in 1958

1. Industrialization of under-developed countries (1033 B (XI))[2/]

In this resolution, the General Assembly,

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Recognizing the need for suitable organizational arrangements in the United Nations under the Economic and Social Council to deal with matters relating to industrialization and productivity,

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1/ A/RES/431.

2/ A/RES/505 B.

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3. Requests the Secretary-General, in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 618 (XXII) of 6 August 1956, to report to the Council at its twenty-fifth session on such possible forms of organizational and administrative machinery as may be necessary."

2. International tax problems (1032 XI))[1/]

In this resolution the General Assembly, inter alia,

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to complete as quickly as practicable the studies called for in General Assembly resolution 825 (IX) of 11 December 1954 and to submit them to the Economic and Social Council for its consideration;

4. Calls upon the Economic and Social Council to present such conclusions as it may reach from its consideration of those studies to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session."

B. Resolutions brought to the attention of the Council for its information

Composition of the Ad Hoc Committee on the question of the establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development (1031 (XI)) (A/RES/503)

International flow of private capital for the economic development of under-developed countries (1035 (XI)) (A/RES/507)

Working Capital and Reserve Fund of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (1022 (XI)) (A/RES/432)

Implementation and expansion of the programmes of technical assistance (1023 (XI)) (A/RES/433)

Administrative and operational services costs of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (1037 (XI)) (A/RES/509)

Confirmation of the allocation of funds for the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in 1957 (1019 (XI)) (A/RES/414)

Agreement on relationship between the United Nations and the International Finance Corporation (1116 (XI)) (A/RES/465)

Interim measures, pending entry into force of the Covenants on Human Rights, to be taken with respect to violations of the human rights set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1041 (XI)) (A/RES/471)

Convention on the nationality of married women (1040 (XI)) (A/RES/457)

1/ A/RES/504.

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Membership of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (1038 (XI)) (A/RES/423):

The Council took action on this resolution at the resumed twenty-second session (E/SR.953).

Report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency (1020 (XI)) (A/RES/415)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (1039 (XI)) (A/RES/454)

Educational conditions in non-self-governing territories (1048 (XI)) (A/RES/472):

In accordance with this resolution, the report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories on educational conditions in those territories will be communicated to the Council by the Secretary-General.

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